

--- Series of 1880-81 - TABAC CANADIEN / EN TORQUETTE - Sorel Division [E 54] ---

--- lithographed in green ink - 238 x 20 mm - 4 mm blue controls - scanned at 67% scale ---

--- Inscribed NE DOIT PAS COUVRIR PLUS / de 1/4 lb. and as - Ainci Roy / Percepteur ---

Chris Ryan reports that *Ainci Roy* was Collector at Sorel in 1881.

Chris Ryan also reports in the “Canadian Revenue Newsletter” of March 2003, that in anticipation of the Act of 1883 the Revenue Department, on January 13th 1883, instructed BABN not to print any new supplies of the soon to be supplanted 1880-81 strips, unless specially authorized to do so. On July 1st 1883 the Department declared that the 1/20th, 1/10th and 2 pound green strips were *obsolete*. Subsequently BABN overprinted their obsolete strips to new denominations.

The catalogue lists the 1/4th pound, green, TABAC CANADIEN Sorel [E 54] strip as follows:

RT-103† - 1/4th pound, green, perforated 12, Sorel [E 54] on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove - **WANTED!**

RT-103a† - 1/4th pound, green, perforated 12, Sorel [E 54] on *unwatermarked* horizontal mesh wove - **WANTED!**

Does a *truly unwatermarked* copy of **RT-103a** (on horizontal mesh wove) actually exist?



RT-103n - 1/4th pound, green, perforated 12, TABAC CANADIEN, “Sorel Division “E 54”, without control numbering
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove

The following imperforate strip is a remnant. Since it was not a production item, I feel that it is preferable to simply list it without a separate catalogue number. The *imperforate* strip has been *scissor-clipped* from an unfinished sheet.



1/4th pound, green, *imperforate*, TABAC CANADIEN, Sorel Division “E 54”, without control numbering
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove

The collection contains many of these *close-cropped imperforate* strips. I feel that many of these have been trimmed from wide-margin top or bottom *perforated* or *coarse roulette* remnant sheets, or from an unfinished *imperforate* sheet, but they are included as examples with the hope that better copies (if actually extant) can be obtained. Imperforate “TP” sheets do exist, and some are to be found in the collection. One would think, however, that if most of these item were *truly imperforate*, someone would have collected them as imperforate pairs. A control numbered *imperforate* sheets was never issued for use - it was a *remnant*.

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